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Letter dated 15 February 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a note verbale dated 10 February 2007 addressed to the Embassy of Switzerland (Interest Section of the United States of America) in Tehran from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the violation of air space of the Islamic Republic of Iran by coalition forces operating in Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) M. Javad **Zarif**
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of Switzerland, Interest Section of the United States of America, and draws the attention of the latter to the following.

According to information received from relevant authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 25 Dei 1385 (15 January 2007) at 13.40 local time, two military helicopters belonging to coalition forces operating in Iraq violated Iranian air space in Pave region, Kermanshah Province, and entered 300 metres into Iranian territory.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran expresses its strong protest against this unlawful act, emphasizes the necessity to respect the rules and principles of international law concerning the sanctity of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, and calls for the recurrence of such unlawful acts to be avoided in the future.

No doubt the Government of the United States of America is responsible for the consequences of such unlawful acts.

It would be highly appreciated if the Embassy would transmit this note to the relevant authorities of the United States of America and inform this Ministry of any explanation they might give regarding this unlawful act.